



Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Prices Received
 Potato Production
 Crop Production
 Fruit Production
 Dairy Products

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases for alfalfa hay, potatoes, beef cattle, and cows. Price declines were recorded for all barley, feed barley, malt barley, dry beans, all wheat, calves, all milk, steers and heifers.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August was 120, based on 1990-1992=100, 4 points (3.2 percent) below the July index. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, and cantaloup. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, dairy, and corn.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2003-August 2004

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2003	July 2004	August 2004 ^{1/}	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	87.00	105.00	110.00	91.90	98.40	97.40	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.20	3.27	3.26	2.91	2.54	2.45	36
Feed	Bu.	2.28	2.50	2.40	2.39	2.21	1.83	--
Malting	Bu.	3.31	3.37	3.35	3.12	2.67	2.87	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	18.20	20.20	19.90	18.00	19.30	20.00	38
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.80	4.00	4.40	5.75	5.91	6.31	41
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	5.00	3.50	--	8.20	7.92	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	4.30	--	4.77	5.07	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.29	3.80	3.50	3.35	3.37	3.13	31
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	73.60	83.20	84.40	79.30	88.50	88.10	52
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	41.60	53.00	53.20	44.50	56.30	55.50	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	80.60	92.20	91.20	82.90	91.80	91.50	--
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	129.00	127.00	106.00	131.00	131.00	57
Lambs	Cwt.	82.00	100.00	--	88.60	102.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	12.60	13.90	13.20	13.30	7/16.00	15.00	8/42
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	12.60	13.90	--	13.30	7/16.00	15.10	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	13.90	13.60	--	13.20	7/14.30	13.90	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/Fat test percent: all milk 3.58, fluid milk 3.58, mfg grade 3.70. 8/Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 2003	August 2003	July 2004		August 2004 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	105	109	122	124	120
Prices Paid	127	127	134	134	135
Ratio ^{1/}	83	86	91	93	89

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Idaho Potatoes - Production 2002-2003

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2003 potato crop, at 123 million cwt, unchanged from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 344 cwt is also unchanged from the previous estimate. Harvested area of 358,000 acres was down 4 percent from 2002. The first production estimates for the 2004 crop will be available on November 12, 2004.

Potatoes: Acres, Yield And Production, 2002 And 2003

STATES	CROP OF 2002				CROP OF 2003			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.
<u>FALL CROP:</u>								
California	8.3	8.3	520	4,316	8.3	8.3	425	3,528
Colorado	71.6	71.5	390	27,885	66.3	65.7	360	23,652
IDAHO, ALL	375.0	373.0	358	133,385	360.0	358.0	344	123,180
10 SW Co.	27.0	27.0	455	12,285	25.0	25.0	465	11,625
Other Areas	348.0	346.0	350	121,100	335.0	333.0	335	111,555
Indiana	2.9	2.8	260	728	3.8	3.7	250	925
Maine	64.5	64.0	265	16,960	66.0	65.5	260	17,030
Massachusetts	3.3	3.2	255	816	3.0	2.7	265	716
Michigan	46.5	45.5	305	13,878	46.0	45.5	330	15,015
Minnesota	62.0	57.0	330	18,810	60.0	58.0	385	22,330
Montana	10.5	10.4	310	3,224	10.7	10.6	315	3,339
Nebraska	22.0	21.8	395	8,611	23.5	23.2	420	9,744
Nevada	7.6	7.6	350	2,660	8.3	8.0	415	3,320
New Mexico	4.0	4.0	400	1,600	4.0	4.0	400	1,600
New York	22.5	22.0	250	5,500	22.2	21.7	300	6,510
North Dakota	118.0	102.0	230	23,460	117.0	112.0	245	27,440
Ohio	4.5	4.4	205	902	4.5	4.3	255	1,097
Oregon, ALL	50.0	49.8	501	24,936	42.8	42.6	493	20,991
Malheur Co.	8.0	8.0	400	3,200	5.8	5.8	415	2,407
Other Areas	42.0	41.8	520	21,736	37.0	36.8	505	18,584
Pennsylvania	12.5	11.5	185	2,128	13.0	12.5	270	3,375
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	235	118	0.6	0.6	285	171
South Dakota	1.1	1.1	300	330	1.0	1.0	340	340
Utah	0.8	0.8	305	244	1.0	1.0	335	335
Washington	162.0	162.0	570	92,340	163.0	162.0	575	93,150
Wisconsin	84.0	82.0	375	30,750	81.0	80.0	410	32,800
TOTAL FALL	1,134.1	1,105.2	374	413,581	1,106.0	1,090.9	376	410,588
U.S. 1/	1,299.6	1,265.9	362	458,171	1,272.6	1,248.6	367	457,814

1/ Includes winter, spring, summer and fall crops.

U.S. Corn Production at Record Levels; Sugarbeet Production Down From Last Year

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's sugarbeet yield is forecast at 27.1 tons per acre, 0.5 ton above the August forecast, but 2.1 tons less than 2003. Production is forecast at 5.20 million tons, 14 percent less than last year's production. Area expected for harvest is estimated at 192,000 acres, down 7 percent from a year ago.

The yield is forecast at 21.5 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above the August forecast, but 1.2 tons below 2003. Corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up fractionally from last month and 8 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 149.4 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from August and 7.2 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

Nationally, sugarbeet production is forecast at 28.5 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast, but 7 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres, down fractionally from last month and 2 percent below last year.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2003 and Forecasted 2004

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD			PRODUCTION		2004 AS A PERCENT OF 2003
		2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004	
					Aug1	Sep 1			
IDAHO: 1/ Sugarbeets UNITED STATES: Sugarbeets Corn for Grain		Thousand Acres			Thousands			Percent	
	Tons	207.0	192.0	29.2	26.6	27.1	6,044	5,203	86
	Tons	1,347.9	1,325.6	22.7	21.4	21.5	30,583	28,547	93
	Bu.	71,139	73,377	142.2	148.9	149.4	10,113,887	10,960,710	108

1/ Idaho corn for grain data available January 2003.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho apple, prune and plum production are up from last year. Apple production for 2004 is forecast at 100.0 million pounds, up 43 percent and 30.0 million pounds from last year's crop. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 3,000 tons, up 20 percent from last year's 2,500 tons.

The nation's 2004 apple production is expected to total 9.37 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 2003 and 10 percent from 2002. The 2004 prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 24,500 tons, up 50 percent from last year and 57 percent above 2002.

Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2003 - 2004

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	450.0	440.0	--	--
Idaho	70.0	100.0	2,500	3,000
Michigan	840.0	760.0	3,600	2,500
New York	990.0	1,050.0	--	--
North Carolina	135.0	170.0	--	--
Oregon	133.0	170.0	5,500	14,000
Pennsylvania	442.0	428.0	--	--
Utah	28.0	27.0	--	--
Virginia	270.0	260.0	--	--
Washington	4,500.0	5,200.0	4,700	5,000
West Virginia	87.0	85.0	--	--
UNITED STATES	8,613.3	9,365.9	16,300	24,500

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

U.S. Dairy Products July 2004 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 708 million pounds, 1.5 percent below July 2003 and 1.4 percent below June 2004.

American type cheese production totaled 303 million pounds, 1.1 percent below July 2003 and 2.6 percent below June 2004.

Butter production was 91.5 million pounds in July, 14.3 percent above July 2003 but 5.6 percent below June 2004.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with July 2003)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 79.6 million gallons, down 5.8 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 41.5 million gallons, up 7.0 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.79 million gallons, down 3.4 percent.

Sherbet (hard) — 4.71 million gallons, down 6.9 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.82 million gallons, down 4.0 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with July 2003)
—134 million pounds, up 5.1 percent.